



Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc. (DCTC)  
The Local Tourism Organisation for Agnes Water, 1770  
& surrounding towns of the Southern Great Barrier Reef  
Central Queensland, Australia

[VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://VisitAgnes1770.com.au) | [#visitagnes1770](https://twitter.com/VisitAgnes1770) | [@VisitAgnes1770](https://www.facebook.com/VisitAgnes1770)

## General Meeting Minutes

to be held at Agnes Water Community Centre, 5pm Wednesday 1 May 2024

---

**Guests arrive at 5pm and sign in.**

**Apologies** - Carly Quinn,

**Attendees** - James, Laura, Maria Lynch, Mark Holmes, Bill Comiscki (local 1770 resident), Deb & Mark (abracadabra), John McCartney, Michael Oliver, Susan, Michele Morrison, John Nicholson, John, Annie McConnachie, Cr Leanne Patrick, Jacqui, Sandra Williams, Cr Melissa Holzheimer, Annie Backhaus, Amber Rodgers.

**Acknowledgement to country** – *we'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. And would also like to pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging."*

**Treasurer report** - Since our last DCTC general meeting (13 March 2024), DCTC has opened a new managed fund to earn better interest. Additionally, we have established a new event operations account to manage all donations and invoices for this year's ANZAC Day march. This account includes a debit card for event-related expenses, such as annual online software access fees for websites, ticketing, file storage, CRM, etc.

*Announcement:*

Annie McConnachie announced that she will be relocating to live closer to her family, which means her position as Treasurer will likely become available at the next AGM of DCTC.

**DCTC correspondence and activity** -

Regarding the closure of the Paperbark Walk, DCTC cannot provide any updates as this is being managed by Bush Heritage. Representatives from Bush Heritage are in town today to assess the situation. DCTC does not want the walk to remain closed or be at risk.

The state funding allocated to our organisation will be used internally for better business systems and for consumer marketing efforts. Larger tourism organisations usually attend the major consumer shows, however DCTC is considering investing in the coming financial year to have a more specific VisitAgnes1770 presence and increase member exposure. For the first time, we have invested \$1,200 in an advert in the annual Drive QLD guide.

**Agnes Water State School P&C Update** -

- Shell Grant: The P&C received \$5,000 for swimming lessons.
- Principal Applications: There are 18 applications for the new principal at Agnes Water State School.
- Student Performance: The school currently has 218 students and is performing well.

**DCTC is a non-profit, GST-registered, incorporated body**  
PO Box 123, Agnes Water QLD 4677 | [secretary@dctc.com.au](mailto:secretary@dctc.com.au) | [president@dctc.com.au](mailto:president@dctc.com.au)  
ABN: 55 170 696 950  
[www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au)



Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc. (DCTC)  
The Local Tourism Organisation for Agnes Water, 1770  
& surrounding towns of the Southern Great Barrier Reef  
Central Queensland, Australia

[VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://VisitAgnes1770.com.au) | [#visitagnes1770](https://twitter.com/VisitAgnes1770) | [@VisitAgnes1770](https://www.facebook.com/VisitAgnes1770)

- Upcoming Event: Trivia night is scheduled for June 8. Attendees are encouraged to reserve a table and look out for online marketing.

**Guest speakers** – Mark Holmes, GRC General Manager Finance, Governance and Risk  
Below points were brought up within conversation with Mark Holmes.

- Budget Overview: The budget focuses on ongoing projects. Members are encouraged to provide input to councillors and GRC employees.
- Grant Projects: Inquired if upcoming grants could include projects benefiting the Agnes Water community.
- Hipcamp Regulation: Mike Oliver raised concerns about the 26 Hipcamp sites in the area, which operate without the costs and regulations that other businesses face, including sewage management. Melissa mentioned that GRC can perform compliance checks and spot inspections.
- Road Signs: Jacqui noted that several "vote no" signs remain on Fingerboard Road and requested their removal.
- Electric Sign Use: James asked if the electric sign at Rocky Crossing Road could be used as a community sign. Mark confirmed that GRC will work with TMR on this matter.

#### Project Updates:

- Skatepark: The design and construction tender is out. Updates will follow once pricing is received.
- Access and Inclusion Plan: Members are encouraged to review the plan. DCTC will include a link to this page in the next newsletter.
- Smart Water Meters: Agnes Water has been prioritised for smart water meters due to its sandy terrain, which makes detecting leaks difficult. No new pipeline will be introduced; instead, existing infrastructure will be upgraded.
- Library Events: On Wednesday, 15 May, the library will host "Tech Time" and a soap-making workshop. Mark will share these details with DCTC.
- 1770 Campground Tender: A decision will be made by 21 May 2024.
- Agnes Water Carpark: The carpark is in the detailed design stage, with a briefing on design costs forthcoming.
- Drainage Projects: Plans are in place for the SES Grounds to the 1770 Marina area.
- A cultural heritage burn at the 1770 headland area will occur this week.

#### Community Concerns:

- Sewage Issues: Bill represents many residents in the 1770 Sewage Town Action Group. Despite a resolution last December for council responsibility, the issues persist, with residents needing to hire their own plumbers for emergencies. Bill proposes meeting with councillors to address these issues, including those at the marina, boat ramp & car park.
- Bus Stop in Agnes Water: There is currently no bus stop in Agnes Water. Mark stated that it is the responsibility of private businesses to address this need.

**DCTC is a non-profit, GST-registered, incorporated body**  
PO Box 123, Agnes Water QLD 4677 | [secretary@dctc.com.au](mailto:secretary@dctc.com.au) | [president@dctc.com.au](mailto:president@dctc.com.au)  
ABN: 55 170 696 950  
[www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au)



Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce Inc. (DCTC)  
The Local Tourism Organisation for Agnes Water, 1770  
& surrounding towns of the Southern Great Barrier Reef  
Central Queensland, Australia

[VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://VisitAgnes1770.com.au) | [#visitagnes1770](https://twitter.com/VisitAgnes1770) | [@VisitAgnes1770](https://www.facebook.com/VisitAgnes1770)

#### Councillor Announcements:

- New Councillors: Welcome and congratulations to Melissa Holzheimer and Leanne on their appointment as Councillors. They have been actively engaging with the community and working on the budget. They encourage community members to request visits from councillors for any topic, as they do not have specific portfolios, allowing flexibility.
- Civic Pride: This is a high priority for the new councillors. Leanne is on the Reconciliation Plan Committee, the Phillip Street Precinct (with Melissa), and chairs the SES management committee.
- Community Leasing: Bri Jensen handles community leasing. Mark will provide her contact number to John Nicholson re DCSRA follow up again on their agreement document.

#### 1770 Festival update

The festival features numerous elements, including:

- Workshops: Wolf & Clay, lantern making, skateboarding demos
- Skate Ramp: In collaboration with Agnes Water Skateboarding, Gold Coast Skateboarding, and Coffs Coast Skateboarding.

The full program is completed today and will now be distributed.

- Bus Loop: There will be a bus loop service running again this year.
- New Element: On Friday evening, Carl Bruning will present a celestial talk about the stars.

Volunteers Needed: We need assistance with setting up the fencing for the festival, starting Tuesday, 21 May 2024.

Additional Announcements:

- BBQ: Annie Backhouse from AWSS P&C will coordinate the BBQ on Friday evening.
- Pets: Unfortunately, due to insurance, dogs are not allowed at the festival.

#### Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival 2024 Update

Financials and Infographic Data available now. Ticket Sales for 2025 are already at 260 and still on sale at early bird ticket rate.

**Other / general business** - Email from local resident to DCTC. DCTC sent email to Mark of GRC on 1/5/24, response still pending... Topics included Council Building Approval numbers in relation to population and services like Impact and Uniting Care? Speed change near markets on Captain Cook Drive?

28/05/2024 - DCTC awaiting GRC responses from meeting topics still.

DCTC is a non-profit, GST-registered, incorporated body  
PO Box 123, Agnes Water QLD 4677 | [secretary@dctc.com.au](mailto:secretary@dctc.com.au) | [president@dctc.com.au](mailto:president@dctc.com.au)  
ABN: 55 170 696 950  
[www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au](http://www.VisitAgnes1770.com.au)