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	<p>Warwick and satellite towns, engaging operators, events, youth, accommodation (including unlicensed/short-term) and hospitality businesses to inform the new strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Financial Counsellors / Hardship Forum: Council has an offer from the Queensland Small Business Commissioner / Small Business Counselling Service to run information sessions in Stanthorpe and Warwick for businesses that may experience financial hardship. Sessions will outline available support services (not one-on-one advice) and include time for Q&A, with Rural Financial Counsellors also able to attend. Chamber is supportive and will explore options to co-host and promote a local forum. • FarmFest: SDRC will host a 3×3m site at FarmFest showcasing the Southern Downs / Granite Belt with tourism brochures, GBWT “little black books” and sample local products (wine, vinegar, jams, apples). Council has invited chamber/GBWT collateral and banners; Belinda and Christine will coordinate getting materials and black books to the council team for display. 	
2.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meetings: Motion to adopt</p> <p>a. Minutes of April meeting approved with no amendments Moved: Belinda Second: Cecilia</p> <p>b. Upload April 2026 minutes to the website – endorsed Motion to adopt: Aline Second: Christine</p>	Christine Samara
3.	<p>Action Register – report on progress</p> <p>Outstanding items noted: <u>Action 4:</u> Most members joined to “help the community” rather than get direct benefits. Members value networking, peer support, and cross-mentoring more than pure sales. Common pain points: staff shortages, housing for staff, business pressures.</p> <p>Resulting actions: Reframe membership pitch: From “more business” to “we help your business” / peer support and problem-solving. Design a business “speed dating” networking event: Short, structured rounds with elevator pitches and connections. Emphasise fun (possible trivia/interactive format) and community-help angle. Speed-dating event will be in September to allow better planning and promotion. 24 June event instead becomes cyber safety + economic update (see Events section).</p>	Various



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	<p><u>Action 5</u>: Info graphic showing achievements for the past 12 months is nearly complete – Aline will share as soon as it is ready.</p>	
4.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>TABLED – Taken as read</p>	Michelle via report
5.	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Vacancy & Financial Performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anita has resigned; Chamber now non-compliant with constitution Immediate priority: find a new Treasurer (separate from any bookkeeper arrangement). Belinda sent a message to Fiona Patti, who has agreed to take the role. Samara to send Fiona’s details to Michelle. • Suggested next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form a fundraising committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore sponsorship packages, fundraising events, and grants (noting grants are usually project-tied, not general revenue). ○ Begin serious exploration (discussion only at this stage) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential closer alignment or merger with Granite Belt Wine Tourism (GBWT), recognising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong pros (single voice, shared objectives, combined base). • Strong cons/risks (history, perceptions, different fee levels and value propositions). ▪ Any such process would require external, neutral facilitation and long lead time (years, not months). • Current bank balances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working a/c \$10,346.85 ○ Big Thermometer \$12,901.70 ○ Card a/c \$224.47 ○ Sandhurst a/c \$34,217.03 • Current monthly expenditure is around \$3500 month, with only 8 new memberships in the past 12 months. • Current paid social media activity, while popular, is not translating into memberships or revenue and is unsustainable given our financial position; if cost-cutting 	Christine



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	<p><u>WORKING GROUPS</u></p> <p><u>BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship: Invoices have been issued to SDRC and Mayor Melissa Hamilton. Cornerstone Insurance has offered \$2,000 in sponsorship – committee to decide where to allocate. • Trophies – quote has been received. Awaiting committee decision. • Slow uptake in social media momentum. All to share please. <p><u>REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS</u></p> <p><u>SCRP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft of the Murray Darling Basin Plan submission reviewed. • The new model rules draft is ready to be presented on the 9th of June; the final draft will be presented at the AGM in September. 	Samantha
8.	<p>New Business</p> <p><u>Item # 1 – SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL COUNCILLORS FORUM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed by Shane at the start of the meeting. <p><u>Item # 2 – FUNDRAISING IDEA – JUST A FARMER SCREENING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belinda has been in contact with Leila McDougal who owns the rights to “Just a Farmer” movie. Cost of hosting a fundraiser screening is \$2,000. Belinda is trying to negotiate the cost. • Aim is to raise funds for the Chamber while also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lifting profile and goodwill in the community. ○ Potentially drawing in non-member businesses and partners. • \$25 per person (cinema prices). Offer extras to purchase during screening of cheese platters, wine, etc. • Event will be for entire community, not just members. • Potentially linking the event with Drought Angels so that a portion of proceeds could support farming families as well as the Chamber, strengthening the community focus and appeal of the fundraiser. • Venue – Civic Centre – potential to use for no cost? 	Belinda



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	<p><u>Item # 3 – COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WANTLING TO ATTEND MEETINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee agreed that Councillor Russell Wantling may attend chamber meetings to better understand chamber activities and local business issues, on the basis that clear boundaries are maintained around his role as a councillor and the chamber's independence.• Note: Samantha left the room during discussion due to conflict of interest.	
9.	<p>Close meeting- 7.26pm</p> <p>Next meeting: 10th June 2026 – 5.30pm Apple & Grape Festival Office</p>	Samara