



**EVENTS SECTOR MEETING  
Friday 16 October 2009 TCA Boardroom**

Meeting Commenced: 3.10 pm

**WELCOME:**

**ATTENDANCE:** Sue Bray (TCA), Fran Stoops (ASTC), Liz Martin (NRTHOF), Kel Davis (NRTHOF), Marie Harrison (NRTHOF), Peter Collins (SPH), Karen Lock (ASCC),

**APOLOGIES:** Phil Walcott (Rainbow Connection), Dale McIver (Action Enterprises) Peter Grigg (TCA), Andrea Jewell (TNT), Nick Ambrose (NTCB), Jo Nixon (Beanie Festival)

**CHAIRPERSON:** Ren Kelly (Individual Member)

**MINUTES:** Merrilyn McIver (TCA)

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved minutes of previous meeting be accepted

**Moved:** Karen Locke

**Seconded:** Peter Collins

**Motion Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Sue advised walkabout deferred due to unavailability of businesses to be involved

Involved discussion took place regarding the negative attitude and poor service of local taxi drivers. Proposed that Liz and Ren to have a chat with Sammy Habib to address these issues and invite to Events meeting

**Moved:** that TCA executive undertake correspondence with Taxi Council and CPV Board re issues of unqualified drivers and negative attitude and involve Tourism Top End to support

**Moved:** Kel Davis

**Seconded:** Peter Collins

**Motion Carried**

Discussion took place on getting together businesses/tourism to work together to present a welcoming tourism approach to visitors ie lack of opening hours during events and friendly, helpful behaviour etc. Meeting felt the general attitude of retailers, taxi drivers etc could be improved particularly when compared other tourist destinations around the country.

Proposed Wednesday 10 March 2010 to hold a "Tourism Forum" on the ASTC lawns integrated with Chamber of Commerce, Mall Traders and Alice Springs Town Council

**Action:** Karen Lock and Sue Bray to start the ball rolling on this event.

## **ROUND THE TABLE**

Fran Stoops:

Advised of forthcoming events: Todd River Tucker 29 October  
Next night market 12 November  
Christmas Carnival in the Mall on 11th December  
Christmas Tree lighting 1st December

Sue:

Working with Fran on Todd River Tucker night and night markets

Karen:

Query on events calendar on ASTC site where at? Ongoing with Council as getting a new website

Liz: Have been concentrating on Broilga awards event at NRTHOF in November 2009 plus the Reunion next year 21 Aug -3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2010.

Ren:

Peter Grigg & Ren on "Strengthening Alice Springs" committee and arranged a consultant to produce a Business Plan for any local event to use as a template for funding access.  
To be emailed out to events members

Next Meeting: TBA 2010

Meeting closed at 4:20 pm