
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Besseling (Mayor)
Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Councillor Mike Cusato
Kelly Lamb (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Lisa McPherson (Chambers of Commerce in Port Macquarie & Wauchope)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Jill Follington (Industry Mid North Coast)

Other Attendees:

Craig Swift-McNair (Director Commercial Services & Industry Engagement)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Monika Bretmaisser (Acting Director Commercial Services & Industry Engagement);
Andrew Doig (Group Manager Water & Sewer)
Anne Hywood (Representing Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)

The meeting opened at 8.35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Kathryn Balodis (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association) and Dr. Muyesser Durur (Higher Education) were accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 2 April 2014 were confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 08 - 05.02.2014 - Place Marketing Strategy Development

Item to be tabled at a future meeting.

ITEM 07 - 02.04.2014 - Draft Destination Management Plan

Item to be removed as tabled at EDSG meeting on 07.05.2014.

ITEM 09 - Update on Business Confidence RFQ

Item to be removed as listed for consideration by Council on 21.05.2014.

ITEM 10 - 02.04.2014 - Destination Signage

Item to be tabled at a future meeting.

ITEM 11 - 02.04.2014 - Development of Industry Action Plans

Item to be removed as tabled at EDSG meeting on 07.05.2014.

ITEM 12 - 02.04.2014 - Free Camping

Item to be removed as tabled at EDSG meeting on 07.05.2014 and listed for consideration by Council on 21.05.2014.

06 UPDATE ON BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY

The Economic Development Steering Group noted the results of the recent Business Confidence Survey.

CONSENSUS:

That the results be presented to Business and Industry via the local Chambers of Commerce in June 2014.

That it be noted that the next Business Confidence Survey will take place in August 2014.

07 DRAFT DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

CONSENSUS:

The Economic Development Steering Group:

1. Reviewed the final Draft Destination Management Plan; and
 2. Endorsed the Draft Destination Management Plan and recommended that it go to the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 21 May 2014.
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08 FREE CAMPING

The Economic Development Steering Group noted the update and were encouraged to read the Report when released in the next week.

CONSENSUS:

That a copy of the Report be sent out to the Economic Development Steering Group Committee for information.

09 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

CONSENSUS:

That the progress related to the Economic Development Strategy be noted.

10 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN

The Economic Development Steering Group provided feedback on a planned approach for development of a Manufacturing Industry Action Plan.

CONSENSUS:

That the Economic Development Steering Group be kept informed of progress.

11 INFRASTRUCTURE GAP ANALYSIS

The Economic Development Steering Group welcomed Andrew Doig, Group Manager of Water & Sewer of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council. The Group Manager of Water & Sewer briefed the Committee on infrastructure current status and future planning and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Economic Development Steering Group noted, and remained comfortable, that Water and Sewer are not included in the Infrastructure Gap Analysis.

Liesa Davies, Group Manager of Economic Development provided an update on Request for Quotation on Infrastructure Gap Analysis Services.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.01 Information to Steering Group:

Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum) thanked Council's Economic Development Team for the quality and quantity of information provided to the Economic Development Steering Group.

The meeting closed at 10.05am.