
PRESENT***Members:***

Karen Archer (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Jill Follington (Industry Mid North Coast)
Belinda Richardson (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)
Tricia Bulic (Director Community & Economic Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Lucilla Marshall (Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement)
David Archer (Economic Development Officer)
Kylie Johnson (Digital Officer)

The meeting opened at 8:30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Rob Turner, Councillor Trevor Sargeant, Councillor Mike Cusato, Ross Cargill and Rob Hamilton be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 4 May 2016 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 08 03/02/2016 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - QUARTERLY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE:

Quarterly updates against the four key priorities for 2016 be presented to future Economic Development Steering Group meetings, commencing April 2016.

- Next update on this item due at the EDSG Meeting on 06 July 2016.
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06 START-UP SPACES PROJECT

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note planning for the 'Start-Up Spaces' project and that they would be invited to the Start-Up Spaces Workshops, to be held in late June 2016.

07 PORTRAITS OF MEMORY & ART WALK PROJECT OUTCOMES

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the outcomes of the recent Portraits of Memory and Art Walk Projects and commend the initiative, encouraging consideration of repeat implementation.

08 DIGITAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the update provided by Council's Group Manager, Economic Development and Digital Officer on the implementation of Council's Digital Strategy.
 2. That the Group support the invitation to NBN Co for a representative to present an update on the regional rollout at a future EDSG meeting.
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09 RENTAL PROPERTIES AND STUDENT ACCOMODATION UPTAKE

CONSENSUS:

That staff consider what can be done to gather data and raise the profile of student needs in order to encourage local market solutions.

10 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY INQUIRY INTO ZONAL TAXATION

The Group provided feedback on the draft submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Zonal Taxation.

CONSENSUS:

The Group noted the submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Zonal Taxation will be finalised and submitted by 3 June 2016.

11 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the next meeting of the Economic Development Steering Group be held on Wednesday 6 July 2016, commencing at 8.30am at the Charles Sturt University Campus (pending availability).

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.