
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Trevor Sargeant (Chair)
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Alternate)
Pam Vernon
Patricia Philp
Mitch McKay
Robbie Lloyd

Other Attendees:

Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Place Making)
Skye Frost (PMHC Place Facilitator - Creative)

The meeting opened at 10:10am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Margret Meagher and Beau Spry be received and noted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Heritage Arts & Culture Priorities Advisory Group Meeting held on 21 April 2016 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 08.01 25/2/2016 GENERAL BUSINESS - ARTS HUB:

CONSENSUS:

1. That Council staff would meet with the Art & Craft Group and Men's Shed, week commencing 27 June 2016 regarding the Environment & Creative Centre.
2. That a second meeting with them will be organised to include the Heritage Arts & Culture Priorities Advisory Group members.

ITEM 07 21/04/2016 PUBLIC ART:

The Group discussed one of the main concerns of the committee, long term, being to ensure there was a good inventory and maintenance.

CONSENSUS:

That the Draft Public Art Policy, including finalised costing, will go to Exec for consideration in August 2016.

HERITAGE WEEK:

Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement advised the Group that a report went to Council's 15 June 2016 meeting on Heritage Week. Approximately 3000 people participated over the week. Positive Support was raised at the Council Meeting by Councillor Intemann for the continued success of the Heritage Festival.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Heritage Week invitation for launches in future years is to be more comprehensive and include all groups involved in Heritage Week.
2. That Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement will issue a media release thanking groups involved in Heritage Week and discussion on the success of the event.

INDIGENOUS REPORT:

CONSENSUS:

That Kelly O'Brien, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss Indigenous cultural issues.

ITEM 08.02 17/12/2015 GENERAL BUSINESS - CULTURAL PLAN (ACCESS TO THE GLASSHOUSE):

CONSENSUS:

1. That it was clearly actioned with the Cultural Plan that there are opportunities to improve community access to the Glasshouse.
2. That community access to the Glasshouse should be discussed between the Heritage Arts & Cultural Priorities Advisory Group and the Glasshouse Steering Committee.

06 PORT MACQUARIE HISTORIC CEMETERY

CONSENSUS:

1. That Beau Spry and Stephen Booker visit the Historic Cemetery area and assess and make recommendations for future maintenance.
2. That the 2002 Conservation Management Plan be reviewed with a view to linking it in with state heritage funding, including how to conserve what is being uplifted, the visibility of the wall, rebuilding of the garden and review/reprinting of the booklet.
3. That Council plant a new Wollemi Pine in the Historic Cemetery.

07 CULTURAL PLAN

CONSENSUS:

1. That Group members are to encourage within their networks, to read, review and make submissions on the Draft Cultural Plan whilst on public exhibition.
2. That a workshop with Heritage Arts & Culture Priorities Advisory Group members be held prior to finalising the Cultural Plan. Workshop members will be provided with access to community comments on the Cultural Plan. Submissions close 14 July 2016. Workshop to be held at the end of this process (suggested date: Thursday 21 July 2016) Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement to set date, send out invitations etc.

08 PUBLIC ART POLICY

This item was discussed at Item 05 Business Arising.

09 HERITAGE

Beau Spry is currently working on the Heritage Conservation Plan for 2016/2017.

The desirability for signage that recognises the historical significance of Port Macquarie was discussed and it was agreed that Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement will pass this feedback from the Group on to the Signage Steering Group.

10 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That Cultural Plan Workshop discussed at ITEM 07 be booked for Thursday 21 July 2016. Group Manager Community Participation & Engagement to send out invitations week commencing 27 June 2016.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11:01 Port Macquarie CBD Pedestrian Crossings:

Pam Vernon discussed the need for extra pedestrian crossings around the Port Macquarie CBD to assist teachers in escorting children around the area. The teachers are having to take the children across the traffic lights in small groups as the lights are changing too fast to allow 40 children to cross in one instance.

This matter has been raised previously, 25 February 2016. Beau Spry has discussed the matter with John Hanlon and also raised it at the Access Committee Meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That Pam Vernon provide diagram of proposed pedestrian crossings to the Heritage Arts & Culture Priorities Advisory Group, Council's traffic staff and the Access Committee.

The meeting closed at 11:30am.