

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Alternate Chair)
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)
Rob Hamilton (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Jill Follington (Industry Mid North Coast)
Belinda Richardson (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Liesa Davies (Acting Director Community & Economic Growth)
Amanda Hatton (Acting Group Manager Economic Development)
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)
Alex Grey (Economic Development Project Officer)
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)

The meeting opened at 8:30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received Councillor Michael Cusato, Craig Swift-McNair and John Saunders be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 1 February 2017 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the information contained in the Business Arising Schedule be noted.

06 2017-2021 DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW

CONSENSUS:

That amendments discussed at the meeting be included in the draft 2017 - 2021 Economic Development Strategy and it be presented to the 15 March 2017 Ordinary Council meeting recommending public exhibition.

07 AUSTRALIAN SENATE INQUIRY ON THE RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT BODIES TO REGIONAL AREAS

CONSENSUS:

That the Chair make a submission on behalf of the Economic Development Steering Group applauding the consideration of regional cities and highlighting local assets that would directly support the relocation of government bodies to regional areas.

08 2017 HANDA CITY DELEGATION VISIT

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Consider the opportunity to attend as a member of the official Port Macquarie delegation visiting Handa in October 2017 and that the opportunity be presented to the new Economic Development Steering Group members at a future meeting.
 2. Request Council staff work with local business networks to undertake an Expression of Interest to assess interest in a local business delegation attending as part of the proposed October 2017 visit to Handa.
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09 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the next meeting of the Economic Development Steering Group be held on Wednesday 5 April 2017, commencing at 8.30am at Council Headquarters.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

**10.01 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS COUNCIL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The Acting Group Manager Economic Development reminded members of the timeframes to complete Expression of Interest for the new membership term.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.
