
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Paul Dawson (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development and Communications)
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Cllr Geoff Hawkins, Cllr Mike Cusato, Craig Swift McNair, Greg Freeman and Kelly King be accepted

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

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

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

06 DRAFT 2017-2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note the comments received in relation to the 2017-2021 Draft Economic Development Strategy during the recent public exhibition period;
 2. Agreed Strategy updates that appropriately consider submissions;
 3. Recommend the final draft Strategy be presented to the 17 May 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption.
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**07 STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT INQUIRY INTO
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GLOBAL SYDNEY**

The Group noted the Standing Committee on State Development *Inquiry into Regional Development and a Global Sydney* and agreed it was a good opportunity to highlight the current and potential future role our region can play as a growth centre.

CONSENSUS:

1. Individual members are to provide input to the Group Manager Economic Development and Communications by 12 May 2017 to enable drafting of a submission to the Standing Committee.
 2. That a copy of the submission is to be sent to local members.
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08 NSW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Group discussed the NSW Regional Development Framework and uncertainty around linkages with other State and Federal stakeholders, committees and programs.

CONSENSUS:

Director Strategy and Growth to report to the next meeting on discussions at the Mid North Coast Region Restart NSW Submissions Committee which has been established by the NSW Business Chamber.

09 NSW NORTH COAST LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Group noted the recent establishment of a NSW North Coast Local Planning Committee.

CONSENSUS:

Group Manager Economic Development and Communications to further inquire on the work of the NSW North Coast Planning Committee and provide an update at the next meeting.

10 HANDA - EOI FOR BUSINESS DELEGATION VISIT

The Group noted the advice from the Handa Sister City Sub-Committee on the need to consider alternate timing for a local business delegation visit to Handa.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. In response to the Handa City Invitation for the October 2017 Dashi Festival, note the Mayor and a Charles Sturt University representative will attend. It is likely Councillor Rob Turner will also attend unless any other interest is received by the Economic Development Steering Group members prior to 12 May 2017.
2. Agreed that the Economic Development Steering Group members would consider planning for a local business delegation to Handa in 2018.

11 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the next meeting of the Economic Development Steering Group be held on Wednesday 7 June 2017, commencing at 8.30am at Council Headquarters.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.01 FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

CONSENSUS:

The Group agreed to consider off-site meetings, on occasion, should an appropriate opportunity arise.

12.02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP PRESENTATION

CONSENSUS:

The Group agreed that Mr Greg Linsdell, as Acting Head of Campus Charles Sturt University, be invited as an Economic Development Steering Group meeting guest during Heather Cavanagh's leave of absence from July 2017 to September 2017.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.
