

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Mike Cusato (Chair of External Grants and Revenues Portfolio)
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Paul Dawson (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Greg Freeman (Individual)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)
Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Greg Linsdell (Acting Head of Campus CSU)
David Archer (Economic Development officer)
Jo Brama (Property and Leasing Coordinator) – for part of meeting

The meeting opened at 8:30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology received from Heather Cavanagh be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 5 July 2017 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

06 Update on the Urban Growth Management Strategy Review

CONSENSUS:

Economic Development Steering Group will be presented an update on the Airport Business Park at the October 2017 meeting.

07 Advocacy on Economic Development Matters

CONSENSUS:

Further information on Council and Local Members' economic development priorities to be presented at the September 2017 meeting.

06 OUTDOOR DINING TRIAL 2016/17 - UPDATE

CONSENSUS:

The Group noted:

1. The outcomes of the Outdoor Dining Trial waiver of fees during 2016/17;
 2. That the trial has been extended for a further 12 months;
 3. The draft Outdoor Dining Policy developed by the Office of the NSW Business Commissioner.
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07 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALISATION

CONSENSUS:

The Group:

1. Noted the appointment of the Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation to inquire and report on best practice approaches to regional development, the decentralisation of Commonwealth entities, and supporting corporate decentralisation.
2. Provided feedback which may be included in a Council submission to the Select Committee.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY

Group Manager Economic Development and Communications provided an update on the local business confidence survey which closes on the 31 August 2017 and noted results will be reported at the next meeting.

08.02 REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Group Manager Economic Development and Communications noted a new requirement from the NSW Government to work with Kempsey Shire Council to develop a Regional Economic Development Strategy. The Strategy will outline key local priorities to support applications for NSW funding programs such as Restart NSW.

08.03 REGIONAL GROWTH - MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL FUND

Group Manager Economic Development and Communications noted Council's recent success in securing funding under the NSW Regional Growth - Marketing and Promotions Fund. The project to be delivered will develop and deliver digital content, building on other recent initiatives which provide reasons to do business, relocate or invest in the Port Macquarie – Hastings region.

08.04 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at 8.30am on 27 September 2017 at Council Headquarters.

The meeting closed at 9:58am.