PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Mike Cusato (Chair of External Grants and Revenues Portfolio)
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)
Greg Freeman (Individual)
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)
Peter Cameron (Group Manager Strategic Land Use Planning)
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)
David Archer (Economic Development Officer)
Sue East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)

The meeting opened at 8:35am.

01   ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02   APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That apologies received from Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager), Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth) and Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network) be accepted.

03   CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 25 October 2017 be confirmed.

04   DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05   BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 06 Recent NSW Government Ministerial Meetings

CONSENSUS:

An update on the recent NSW Government Ministerial meetings to be provided at the next meeting.

06   PLACE MARKETING UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Economic Development staff provided the Economic Development Steering Group an overview of recent place marketing, relocation and investment attraction activity.

CONSENSUS:

The Economic Development Steering Group congratulated staff on the great work to date and encouraged broader distribution of the video and website links to ensure locals are supporting and sharing with contacts.

07   DRAFT URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Group Manager Strategic Land Use Planning updated the Economic Development Steering Group meeting on recent briefings, pop-up's and drop in sessions to encourage the community to comment on the draft Urban Growth Management Strategy.

Common issues raise by the community have included traffic, road infrastructure and future water security.

The Economic Development Steering Group sought further information and encouraged consideration of proactive identification and planning for tourism zoned land; road linkages between new and proposed residential lands to avoid further congestion on primary feeder roads such as Oxley Highway, Lake Road; and proactivity around measures to support growth in the 20 – 34 year population bracket.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the exhibition of the draft Urban Growth Management Strategy and consider the opportunity to make a submission before the 22 December 2017 deadline.

08   NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 8.30am at Council Headquarters.

09   GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01   BIANNUAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

CONSENSUS:

Economic Development Steering Group to consider reporting format and priorities and provide feedback to Group Manager Economic Development and Communications by the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.