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## **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.)  
Susan East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)  
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)  
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

### ***Other Attendees:***

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)  
Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy & Growth)  
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)  
Amanda Hatton (Recreation and Buildings Manager) [item 7 only]

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The meeting opened at 8:31am.

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## **01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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## **02 APOLOGIES**

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### **CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies received from Greg Freeman and Professor Heather Cavanagh be accepted.

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### **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 13 June 2018 be confirmed.

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### **04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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### **05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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#### **CONSENSUS:**

The Committee noted that a report on the draft Health and Education Precinct Masterplan is scheduled to be presented at the August 2018 meeting

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### **06 2018 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY**

The Group Manager Economic Development & Communications provided an update on the methodology planning for the August 2018 Business Confidence Survey and members provided feedback and suggestions for supplementary questions.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Group note planning for the 2018 Business Confidence Survey.

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### **07 FUTURE PORT MACQUARIE AQUATIC FACILITY**

Amanda Hatton, Recreation and Buildings Manager provided the Group with a verbal briefing on the background and current status of the Port Macquarie Aquatic Facility Project. She noted the recent community surveys conducted by Council and the Port Macquarie Aquatic Centre Committee (a local community group), which were helping to inform the Aquatics Needs Analysis being conducted by Otium. In addition to these surveys and a range of analysis work, Otium have also recently conducted engagement with key local stakeholders and users. Following the Needs Analysis, the next steps will be site selection and detailed design.

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the Group note the status of the Port-Macquarie Aquatic Facility Project.

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**08 SMART REGIONAL CITY PLANNING - HOUSING**

Group Manager Economic Development & Communications presented data and benchmarking on a range of housing and living affordability indicators. The Group noted the importance of visioning and planning for our future community, business and industry to support jobs growth, stronger median income and diverse and affordable housing options.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Group note the local analysis and comparisons regarding Housing, and consider this, as the second of the Australian Government Smart Cities Policy priorities, from a local future planning perspective.

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**09 PLAZA CARPARK SITE**

Director Strategy & Growth provided an update on changes to Crown Lands Management Act and the 12 month trial implementation of the changes currently underway. He noted Port Macquarie–Hastings Council has been invited and accepted involvement in the Crown Land Negotiation Program from 1 July 2019 and that there is still some uncertainty around how the legislation would be implemented.

With regard to the Plaza Carpark, Director Strategy & Growth noted that there are three separate lots over/around this site for which Council is currently Trust Manager. It is possible that the lots will be vested to Council as community land at some point, but Council understanding is this is by no means guaranteed under the Crown Land Negotiation Program.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Group:

1. Note the update on the Plaza Carpark Site.
2. Request a further report providing more detail to the August 2018 meeting.

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**10 NEXT MEETING**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 08 August 2018 in the Function Room, PMHC Headquarters at 8.30am.

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**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

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The meeting closed at 9:55am.