
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Besseling (Mayor)
Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Councillor Mike Cusato
Kelly Lamb (Hastings Business Women's Network)
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)
Kathryn Balodis (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)
Lisa McPherson (Chambers of Commerce in Port Macquarie & Wauchope)
Dr. Mueyesser Durur (Higher Education)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
Jill Follington (Industry Mid North Coast)
Tony Hayward (General Manager, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council)
Craig Swift-McNair (Director, Corporate & Business Services, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council)

Other Attendees:

Nil.

The meeting opened at 8.00am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce) and Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Not applicable.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not applicable.

06 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference ("TOR") is to be updated with regard to appointing a Chairperson.

It was agreed that the Chairperson would be the Councillor Chair of the Commerce, Industry & Tertiary Education portfolio.

A nomination for Vice-Chairperson was received for Deputy Mayor Trevor Sargeant.

CONSENSUS:

That the revised Terms of Reference ("TOR") noting the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson be reported to a future meeting of Council.

07 ADDRESS BY BOARD MEMBERS ON LOCAL ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY SECTOR

CONSENSUS:

That each independent Board member address the Economic Development Steering Group on their thoughts on the Local Economy and the current strengths of their own industry sector / business organisation.

Councillors Cusato and Sargeant welcomed the group and stated their expectations for the Economic Development Steering Group "EDSG". The aim is for the EDSG to be a 'doing' group, not just a talking group and that we should be focussed on growing the 'economic pie'.

The following Board Members addressed the EDSG:

Kelly Lamb - Hastings Business Women's Network;
Ross Cargill - NSW Business Chamber;

Joy Corben - Education & Skills Forum;
Kathy Balodis - GPMTA - Macquarie Waters and The Corner Restaurant;
Lisa McPherson - representing the Port & Wauchope Chambers of Commerce;
Dr. Muyesser Durur - CSU;

It was noted that:

Mr John Saunders;
Ms Jill Follington;
Mr Anthony Thorne; and
Haydn Oriti;

will speak at the next meeting.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 Camden Haven Travellers Experience:

Request from John Saunders that prior to the next meeting all EDSG members to take a trip down the Pacific Highway to Taree and come back via Kew, to experience the issues at Kew / Camden Haven i.e. what is the travellers experience like coming in to the Camden Haven.

08.02 Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Steering Group is scheduled for Wednesday, 1 May 2013 at 8:00am in the Function Room, Port Macquarie-Hastings Council.

The meeting closed at 10.03am.