

PRESENT

Members:

Mayor Peter Besseling
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Bruce Hardy
Mitch McKay
Patricia Johnson OAM
Deborah Doyle
Noel Hoffman
Chantelle Perkins

Other Attendees:

John Cassegrain - Cassegrain Wines
Lucilla Marshall – PMHC Group Manager Community Development
Jenny Mead - PMHC Place Facilitator - Events

The meeting opened at 4.39pm.

As the Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Chairman was unable to attend at the start of the meeting, Councillor Trevor Sargeant accepted the role of Chairman for the purposes of the meeting.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Mr Brian Peel, Mr Graeme Cook, Ms Corbi Wentzell be noted and accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2014 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the report Item 05 - Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

The Acting Chairman brought forward Item 08 Upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Port Macquarie -Handa Sister City Agreement Report.

08 UPCOMING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HANDA SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

CONSENSUS:

1. That the information outlined in the Upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Agreement report and verbal updates provided at the meeting be noted.
2. The Sub-Committee be advised that Patricia Johnson OAM, through Cllr Levido, sought and received a meeting with the Mayor regarding her non-inclusion at all the official functions being held in Handa. Patricia advised that as a direct result, she will now be included as part of the official Port Macquarie-Hastings Council delegation to attend all official functions whilst in Handa.
3. That the Sub-Committee note Mr Cassegrain will endeavour to provide some sample bottles of the commemorative wine (2014 vintage) to the Mayor prior to his departure for the upcoming trip to Handa in April. The bulk of the commemorative wine would be made available in July/August.
4. That the Sub-Committee provide to Mr Cassegrain, within the next couple of weeks, 150 words to be included in the booklet to accompany the commemorative wine.
5. That Mr Cassegrain be provided with contact details of a representative from Handa, Japan to enable Mr Cassegrain's Japanese wine distributor to contact them to discuss

opportunities for the retailing of the commemorative wine in Handa and possible dual launch in August. In the Mayor's absence, Council's Place Facilitator to pass-on request to the Mayor for consideration.

6. That the Sub-Committee formally acknowledge the ongoing support of the Sister City Agreement by local businessman Mr John Cassegrain, including the many gifts of wine presented to dignitaries, and tours of the Cassegrain Winery undertaken by visiting dignitaries over the last 24 years.

Mr John Cassegrain left the meeting at 5.03pm

Mayor entered the meeting at 5.05pm

7. Patricia Johnson OAM to liaise directly with Councillor Sargeant regarding the purchase of gifts to be presented to the Mayor of Handa and other dignitaries by the Koala Orchestra during their 2015 Tour of Japan.
8. Following on from the recent Bonsai Exhibition, Mayor to provide Council's Place Facilitator - Events with contact details of exhibition coordinator to discuss a possible display of Bonsai at the function proposed for 19th August 2015 at the Glasshouse.
9. That the Mayor recently met with the Japanese Consul-General and verbally extended an invitation to attend the official function with the Mayor of Handa proposed for August 2015.
10. That the Mayor provide contact details of Mr Russell Pyrie to Council's Place Facilitator - Events to further discuss the upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebrations proposed for August 2015.
11. Council's Place Facilitator - Events to liaise with Mr Groves, who emailed after the 2014 Study Tour Group left Port Macquarie, to determine if his daughter-in-law may be interested and available to be an interpreter during the Mayor of Handa's visit in August 2015. Update to be provided to the Sub-Committee when more information is available.

06 2015 BOOKINGS AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The Sub-Committee note the information outlined in the 2015 Bookings and Financial Updates report.
2. Patricia Johnson OAM to provide Council's Place Facilitator - Events a list suggesting the number of gifts to be purchased and presented by the Mayor of PMHC during his visit to Handa.
3. The Mayor to look into the possible purchase of one or two pieces of artwork from the current Hastings Fine Arts Exhibition being held in the Maritime Museum as gifts to be presented whilst in Handa in addition to the wood carving, and the book tabled at the meeting, as well as a PMHC Flag.
4. The Mayor liaise with representatives from the Koala Hospital regarding the possible adoption of a Koala as a gift to be presented whilst in Handa.
5. Further to Item 07.01 General Business - 06 November 2014 meeting, that Patricia Johnson OAM advise the representative from Handa, Japan that all travel arrangements, ancillary to the Mayor of Handa's entourage to visit in August 2015, is to be booked and coordinated from Japan.

Mr Bruce Hardy left the meeting at 5.32pm.

**07 HOST SCHOOL FOR UPCOMING 2015 HANDA HIGASHI SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL STUDY TOUR**

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Sub-Committee note and discuss the information contained in the Host School for Upcoming 2015 Handa Higashi Senior High School Study Tour report.
 2. A It be noted that Terry Muldoon, Principal of St Columba Anglican School (SCAS) will be in Japan during April
 3. That the Sub-Committee note that Chantelle will be on leave in the immediate lead up and during the 2015 Study Tour.
 4. That Chantelle and Council's Place Facilitator - Events discuss and determine a suitable date for a Q&A meeting with the 2015 Host Families. Meeting to be held onsite at SCAS.
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09 2015 MEETING DATES - NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee members note that the dates listed in the report for the 2015 meeting schedule for the PMH-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 6.02pm.
