
PRESENT

Members:

Mayor Peter Besseling
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Brian Peel
Mitch McKay
Patricia Johnson OAM
Deborah Doyle
Noel Hoffman
Chantelle Perkins
Corbi Wentzell

Other Attendees:

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

The meeting opened at 4.31pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Mr Bruce Hardy and Mr Graeme Cook be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

Before moving onto the next Item the Mayor welcomed and thanked Mr John Cassegrain for attending today's meeting. The Mayor also took the opportunity to formally thank Mr Cassegrain for the gifts provided in the lead up to the delegates' departure to Handa.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the report Item 05 - Business Arising from Previous Minutes.
2. That the Mayor liaises with a representative from the Koala Hospital to organise the adoption of a Koala (that is to remain in captivity) and Adoption Certificate. Certificate and photo of the adopted Koala to be presented to the Mayor of Handa during his visit to Port Macquarie scheduled for mid August 2015.
3. That the Sub-Committee note that emails have been forwarded to the Tour Coordinator at Handa Higashi Senior High School seeking permission for the Japanese Teacher at St Columba Anglican School to email the English Teacher at Handa Higashi High School directly to discuss the possible inclusion of a specific activity during the upcoming 2015 Study Tour.

06 2015 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note the information outlined in the 2015 income and Expenditure Report.

The Mayor brought forward Item 9 in the Agenda to enable an update to be provided by Mr Cassegrain on the Commemorative Wine.

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

(PART OF ITEM DEALT WITH)

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The Sub-Committee note the information provided by Mr John Cassegrain that the release date for the commemorative is planned to coincide with the upcoming visit by the Mayor of Handa (August 2015).
2. The Sub-Committee note the information provided by Mr John Cassegrain that discussions with a wine retailer in Handa are progressing and it is hoped that approximately 20 - 30 cases of the commemorative wine will be made available for sale in their domestic market.
3. Further to the discussion held regarding the opportunity for reciprocal trade, that Mr Cassegrain explores what opportunities are available to Cassegrain Wines to sell Sake produced in Handa.

The Mayor then thanked Mr Cassegrain for the update before Mr Cassegrain left the meeting at 4.50pm.

07 2015 HANDA HIGASHI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDY TOUR

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note and discuss the information contained in the 2015 Handa Higashi Senior High School Study Tour report.

08 2015 STUDY TOUR ITINERARY

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee discuss and put forward suggestions for the 2015 Study Tour Itinerary

09 UPCOMING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HANDA SISTER CITY AGREEMENT**(REMAINDER OF ITEM DEALT WITH)**

CONSENSUS:

That :

4. The information outlined in the Upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Agreement report and update provided at the meeting is noted.
5. The Sub-Committee note the overview provided at the meeting by the Mayor on the success of the recent visit to Handa.
6. It be noted that the three (3) gifts presented by the Mayor of Port Macquarie Hastings Council to the Mayor of Handa City Council, the Chairman of Handa Council, the Chairman of the International Travel Association were very well received. Each of the artworks purchased by the Mayor depicted the Port Macquarie Fishing Co-operative, Tom's Creek or The Bago Bluff.
7. The Sub-Committee note that Council's Place Facilitator - Events had prepared a display of photos taken during the recent visit to Handa at today's meeting but due to time constraints the projector was unable to be set up prior to the meeting, and therefore the photos will now be displayed at the June Meeting.
8. No discussion on the Glasshouse Exhibition undertaken. Matter to be relisted in June Agenda.
9. The Sub-Committee note the advice from Patricia Johnson OAM that the Mayor of Handa and his official party (4 in total) will fly into to Port Macquarie on the morning of Tuesday 18 August 2015. The group will stay 3 nights in Port Macquarie before flying out on the morning of Friday 21 August 2015.
10. The Sub-Committee note that a quote is being sought from a local travel agent for 20 citizens of Handa to travel at the same time as the Mayor of Handa's delegation visiting Port Macquarie in August.
11. The Mayor to arrange via his EA for a meeting to be scheduled with himself and Patricia Johnson OAM to discuss further the roles to be undertaken relating to both upcoming Mayor of Handa's visit, and the 20 citizens visiting Port Macquarie to take place during August 2015.

10 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.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.