
PRESENT

Members:

Mayor Peter Besseling
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
Mitch McKay
Patricia Johnson
Graeme Cook
Deborah Doyle
Noel Hoffman
Chantelle Perkins
Corbi Wentzell

Other Attendees:

Liesa Davies - Group Manager, Economic Development
Jenny Mead - PMHC Place Facilitator - Events

The meeting opened at 4.30pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Bruce Hardy, Brian Peel and Lucilla Marshall – PMHC Group Manager Community Development be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Handa Sister City Sub-Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

The Mayor brought forward Item 08 in the Agenda to enable discussion with Liesa Davies to take place regarding the proposed itinerary for the visit by the Mayor of Handa.

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

(PART OF ITEM DEALT WITH)

CONSENSUS :

That:

1. 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 take into consideration information outlined by the Group Manager Economic Development regarding the opportunity that exists to showcase local businesses as part of the itinerary for the reciprocal visit by the delegates from Handa City to take place during August.
3. Council's Place Facilitator - Events liaise directly with Handa Council in an effort to obtain further details about the business interests of the delegates accompanying the Mayor and his entourage to Port Macquarie in August.
4. The Sub-Committee note the advice from the Group Manager of Economic Development that the local Chambers of Commerce have agreed to host the "breakfast" meeting to be held on the morning of the 19th August 2015 at Rydges.
5. Council's Place Facilitator - Events send an email to the Handa City Council contact attaching the quotation for the airfares for the upcoming reciprocal visit and ask them to note that a deposit needs to be paid by 9th June 2015 to lock in the airfares quoted.
6. Should Council not receive advice from Handa City Council within 10 working days of the email request for more details of the members of the "unofficial" delegates, that Council's Place Facilitator - Events liaise with the Group Manager - Economic Development immediately prior to forwarding the draft itinerary, as tabled at today's meeting, to Handa City Council for consideration.

The Mayor thanked Liesa Davies for attending this afternoons meeting to provide an overview of the Economic Development Steering Group. The Mayor and Liesa Davies both left the meeting at 5.00pm.

095 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The Sub-Committee note the information contained in the report Item 05 - Business Arising from Previous Minutes.
 2. The adoption of the koala (to remain in captivity) to include payment for the renewal of the adoption for a period of 5 years (2015 - 2020).
 3. That the update from Mr Cassegrain on the Commemorative Wine be held over for discussion at the July Meeting.
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06 2015 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

CONSENSUS:

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

07 2015 HANDA HIGASHI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDY TOUR

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Sub-Committee note and discuss the information contained in the 2015 Handa Higashi Senior High School Study Tour report.
 2. That Handa Higashi Senior High School be advised that the completed Host Family Forms will be forwarded week ending 19 June 2015.
 3. Council's Place Facilitator - Events to forward out via email a copy of the 2014 Student Itinerary that included the names of Sub-Committee members who volunteered to assist during the duration of the Study. Sub-Committee members to look over the various activities listed and advise if they are able to assist during the duration of this year's study tour.
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08 UPCOMING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORT MACQUARIE-HANDA SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

(REMAINDER OF ITEM DEALT WITH)

CONSENSUS :

That:

7. The item relating to the Commemorative Wine be relisted for discussion at the July Meeting.
8. Council's Place Facilitator - Events contact Mr Cassegrain and seek any updates on discussions he may have held regarding distributing the commemorative wine in Handa, and any findings in relation to the ability to retail the Handa Sake locally.

09 2015 MEETING DATES - NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

1. 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.
2. That the meeting with the Host Families set down for 16 July 2015 be included in 2015 Meeting Dates - Next Meeting Report.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.01 Koala Orchestra

Patricia Johnson OAM requested that further consideration be given by the Mayor to allow the full Koala Orchestra (approximately 25 members) to perform at the "official function" for approximately 15 - 20 minutes. Councillor Sargeant to raise this request with the Mayor.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.