

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Rob Turner  
Councillor Trevor Sargeant  
Councillor Mike Cusato  
Karen Archer (Hastings Business Women's Network)  
Ross Cargill (Mid North Coast NSW Business Chamber)  
Joy Corben (Port Macquarie-Hastings Education and Skills Forum)  
Rob Hamilton (Greater Port Macquarie Tourism Association)  
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)  
Professor Heather Cavanagh (Higher Education)  
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)  
Belinda Richardson (Independent)

**Other Attendees:**

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)  
Tricia Bulic (Director Community & Economic Growth)  
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)

**Guests:**

Tracie Sanim (Group Manager Community Engagement & Planning)  
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)

**Guests for Part:**

Rebecca Olsen (Director Corporate & Organisational Services)  
Ashley Grummit (Group Manager Commercial & Business Services)  
Pam Milne (Acting Venue Manager - Glasshouse)

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The meeting opened at 8.30am.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Peter Besseling and John Saunders be accepted.

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 5 August 2015 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**

Nil.

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**06 UPDATE ON VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES REVIEW**

The Group Manager, Commercial and Business Services, provided an update on the progress of the Visitor Information Services Review. Relevant staff answered questions on the review, current visitor services and future options and received feedback from the Group.

CONSENSUS:

That the update be noted.

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**07 SERVICES REVIEW PROJECT**

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The General Manager briefed the Group and answered questions on Council's Services Review Project.

**CONSENSUS:**

That a copy of the General Manager's presentation be distributed with the EDSG Minutes.

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**08 HEALTH, DISABILITY AND AGED CARE INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT**

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The Group Manager, Economic Development, briefed the Group on recent engagement with stakeholders in this industry sector and feedback received.

Whilst a diverse range of stakeholders had engaged in the process, there was little support for specific Council involvement via an "industry action plan" or specific project.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Group support the plan to work with this industry from an advocacy perspective.

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**09 YOUR VOICE OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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The Director, Community and Economic Growth provided an overview of Council's 'Your Voice Our Community' engagement initiative, answered questions and encouraged all community, groups and networks to have a say, host a workshop etc.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Economic Development Steering Group note the presentation on Council's new community engagement initiative, "Your Voice Our Community".

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**10 HANDA SISTER CITY VISIT**

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The Group discussed the recent visit by the Handa Sister City delegation and noted the need to maintain momentum in areas of potential opportunity.

**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the matter be progressed by Council staff and Economic Development Steering Group members with a specific interest.
  2. That the Group be updated at a future meeting.
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**11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That questions be invited out of session due to time constraints on the progress regarding implementation of the Economic Development Strategy actions.

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**12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**12.01 Mid North Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Expo:**

The Chair reminded the Group of the Mid North Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Expo, supported by Council and taking place on 3 September 2015 from 10.00am.

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The meeting closed at 10.05am.