

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner
Councillor Trevor Sargeant
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.)
John Saunders (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce & Industry)
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)
Jill Follington (Industry Mid North Coast)
Belinda Richardson (Independent)

Other Attendees:

Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)

Guests:

Peter Cameron (Group Manager Strategic Planning) - (Part Meeting)
Matt Rogers (Director Development & Environment) - (Part Meeting)
Ross Smith (Senior Economic Development Officer)
David Archer (Economic Development Officer)

The meeting opened at 8.30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Mike Cusato, Craig Swift-McNair, Tricia Bulic and Heather Cavanagh be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 7 October 2015 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM 10 - 02.09.2015, HANDA SISTER CITY VISIT
To be tabled at the December meeting

ITEM 07 - 07.10.2015 URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - INDUSTRIAL
AND RETAIL REVIEWS

Completed - please remove item.

**06 URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - INDUSTRIAL AND RETAIL
REVIEWS**

The Group provided further comment and input on issues relating to the Industrial and Retail Reviews and Urban Growth Management Strategies.

CONSENSUS:

That the comments and input provided by the Group be noted by staff for consideration in Urban Growth Management Strategy review.

07 UPDATE ON KEY INDUSTRY TRENDS

David Archer, Economic Development Officer, presented an update on local economic and industry trends and information to prompt discussion and thought in the lead in to the December meeting review of the 2013-2016 Economic Development Strategy.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Group note the presentation and update on local economic and industry trends provided by the Economic Development Officer.
2. That the Group further consider this information when completing the annual review of the 2013-2016 Economic Development Strategy at the December meeting of the Economic Development Steering Group.

08 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Due to time constraints, Group members were asked to provide any feedback on the implementation of Economic Development Strategy Actions report to Liesa Davies post meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That Group members email their feedback on the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy Actions report to the Group Manager Economic Development.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 Federal Electorate Boundary Adjustment:

John Saunders asked the Chair about Council's position regarding the proposed federal electorate boundary adjustment.

Councillor Turner responded noting at the 21 October Ordinary Council meeting, it was resolved that the General Manager would submit an objection to the to Australian Electoral Commission to the proposed bifurcation of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area into different electorates.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the information provided by Councillor Turner on Council's intention to submit an objection to the Australian Electoral Commission regarding the proposed bifurcation of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government area into different electorates.

The meeting closed at 10.00am.