
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Turner (Chair)
Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Brian Barker
Chris Denny
Stacey Morgan
Willhemina Wahlin
Holly McBride - Acting Director Strategy and Growth
Lucilla Marshall - Group Manager Community Place

Other Attendees:

Debbie Sommers
Jane Ellis - Destination Management Coordinator
Bec Washington - Acting Venue Manager - Glasshouse

The meeting opened at 8:07am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Jeffery Sharp, Pam Milne, Beric Henderson, Jennifer Hutchison and Simon Luke be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 1 May 2019 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

06 DEVELOP AND EMPOWER OUR REGION'S ART & CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND ASSETS

Debbie Sommers presented the proposed Port Macquarie Museum Upgrade Master Plan project.

The Museum forms part of the Port Macquarie Cultural Precinct. The current building (which is heritage listed) does not meet the needs or building code and has some structural issues.

The project aims to deliver a new museum and cultural landmark by reimagining the site. It will be a welcoming and accessible meeting place and an outstanding education centre.

Community engagement is an important part of the process (bigger, bolder, better and brave)

The project secured funding for the master plan and business case and that will be completed by October 2019. BTB architects have been engaged.

The museum is looking to State, Federal and Council's support for the implementation of the master plan in the future.

A potential site visit to the museum was discuss for a future date.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the discussion on the Port Macquarie Museum Upgrade Master Plan Project.

07 ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EXPERIENCES THAT EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE AND UNIQUE ART AND CULTURE

Item 1: Announcement on the winner of the Bonny Hills Amenities Design Competition to be made week commencing 10 June 2019. Council is currently waiting on installation costs and design clarification to commence the mural. The design will be installed in July 2019 in conjunction with ArtWalk 2019.

Item 2: The approach of the Bicentennial Project was discussed and timelines were shared.

Item 3: Council are expecting a new draft Public Art Policy & Masterplan by mid-June 2019 to share with the Cultural Steering Group.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the discussion about the Bicentenary, Bonny Hills Design Competition and Draft Public Art Policy and Master Plan Updates.

08 CREATE COMMUNITY PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP IN OUR CULTURAL BRAND WHICH PROMOTES OUR UNIQUE HERITAGE, PEOPLE AND PLACES

Council staff are to prepare a report to Council on a review of Handa, Australia Day and future direction.

Australian Day 2020 will continue in the same way it has in the past, until a recommendation is determined by Council.

Staff to advise Handa Working Group of a budget for the 30th Birthday gift.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the information provided and provided input into the discussion.

09 ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PLANNING, FUNDING, INTEGRATION AND MEASUREMENT OF COUNCIL'S ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS

Jane Ellis provided an update on the visitor and events trends in the Port Macquarie Local Government area.

The Destination Management Plan is to commence in July/August 2019.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the information provided and provided input into the discussion.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.01 LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENTS

Arts Mid North Coast Board Meeting discussed Local Strategic Planning Statements. Council will be required to prepare these by June 2020 and they may include Cultural Statements.

10.02 GLASSHOUSE 10TH BIRTHDAY

Glasshouse 10th Birthday Morning tea is being held at 10.00am on the 1 July 2019. Access to all areas on the day. The Cultural Steering Group was invited to attend.

10.03 FACES OF HASTINGS

Faces of Hastings has been extended through to the end of June 2019 at Wauchope.

The meeting closed at 9:34am.