

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair)  
Brian Barker  
Chris Denny  
Beric Henderson  
Willhemina Wahlin  
Acting Director Strategy and Growth  
Group Manager Community Place

**Other Attendees:**

Skye Frost  
Liz Brennan  
Uncle Bill O'Brien

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The meeting opened at 8:05am.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies received from Councillor Turner (Chair), Jeffery Sharp, Pam Milne, Jennifer Hutchison, Simon Luke, Stacey Morgan and Amos Donovan be accepted.

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 5 June 2019 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**

##### **06 Develop and Empower our Region's Art & Cultural Communities and Assets**

Discussions are ongoing on a site visit to the Port Macquarie Museum.

##### **07 Enrich our Community through Experiences that Embrace and Celebrate our Diverse and Unique Art and Culture**

Discussions were held on the draft Public Art Policy and Masterplan with feedback due by 8 July 2019.

##### **08 Create Community Pride and Ownership in our Cultural Brand which Promotes our Unique Heritage, People and Places**

The budget is to be confirmed for the Handa Working Group

Council is to prepare a report on the future of all Cultural Committees which is to be presented to a future Councillor Briefing Session, Cultural Steering group meeting and Ordinary Council meeting for adoption.

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

##### **CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Cultural Steering Group note the discussion on Cultural Precincts, Hub and the Library Strategic Plan.
2. Item 1.5 - that the Library Strategic Plan be presented to a future Cultural Steering Group meeting, once it has been through Council's process.

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

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CONSENSUS:

1. That the Cultural Steering Group note the discussion about the actions relating to Strategic Outcome 2 of the Cultural Plan.
2. Item 2.2 - that the Cultural Steering Group supports the priority appointment of an overall Bicentenary Senior Event Planner and Coordinator.
3. Item 2.7 - that the Cultural Steering Group:
  - Provide feedback on the draft Public Art Policy & Masterplan by Monday 8 July 2019.
  - A timeline on development of the draft Public Art Policy & Masterplan be presented at the next meeting.

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

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Item 3.4 - an update on ArtWalk will be provided in this week's Councillor Newsletter. An e-blast update will be sent out to ArtWalk database week commencing 8 July 2019.

Item 3.6 - Uncle Bill O'Brien provided a verbal update from the Birpai Land Council. Items raised included;

- A lot of activity with the Youth, Men and Womens groups along with the Craft, Creative and Sewing groups.
- Amos Donovan wants to develop similar groups at Bunyah Land Council.
- Birpai Land Council is currently providing Aboriginal Awareness Training to Council staff.
- Birpai Land Council is currently involved with Area Health Aboriginal Men's Group.
- An update on activities for NAIDOC Week which include flag raising ceremonies, fun days, a men's golf day and kids fishing program. School activities are scheduled 2 weeks prior to school holidays and 2 week's after school holidays.

CONSENSUS:

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

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

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CONSENSUS:

1. That the Cultural Steering Group note the information provided and provide input into the discussion.
  2. Item 4.1 - that Council consider 2020 - 2021 budget requests, review Action Plan and budget required.
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**10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**10.01 CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY**

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Charles Sturt University is conducting Picture Justice Australia program to inspire local youth. Program to commence 8 July 2019

An update was provided on the Stage 2 of the Charles Sturt University development. An innovation hub is proposed with a multi-faceted space for community and students. This will be discussed with Council staff.

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**10.02 GLASSHOUSE**

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An update was provide on the Glasshouse 10 years celebration. The group was invited to attend the Glasshouse Community Day on the 24 August 2019 from 10.00am - 3.00pm.

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**10.03 CONGRATULATIONS TO BERIC HENDERSON**

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The Cultural Steering Group congratulated Beric Henderson on his artwork featuring in an international exhibition in Venice.

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The meeting closed at 9:43am.

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