

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Mike Cusato (Chair of External Grants and Revenues Portfolio)  
Kelly King (Hastings Business Women's Network)  
Anthony Thorne (Hastings Construction Industry Association Inc.)  
Susan East (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)  
Haydn Oriti (Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce)  
Greg Freeman (Individual)  
Peter Halliwell (Independent)

**Other Attendees:**

Craig Swift-McNair (General Manager)  
Holly McBride (Acting Director Strategy & Growth)  
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic Development)  
David Archer (Senior Economic Development Officer)

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The meeting opened at 8:34am.

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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 Rob Turner, Paul Dawson, and Heather Cavanagh be accepted.

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### **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 12 June 2019 be confirmed with the following amendment:

The date of the Council decision referenced in the first paragraph to be amended to 15 May 2019, not 10 April 2019.

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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 2019/20 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The Acting Director, Strategy and Growth briefed the Group on Council's Operational Plan for 2019/20 including:

- how the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework operates;
- 19/20 budget highlights;
- key projects planned by region;
- the full plan being available at [Council's website](#).

The General Manager and Acting Director, Strategy and Growth answered a range of questions regarding Councils and State Government planning and legislative framework.

#### CONSENSUS:

The Group note Council's recent adoption of its Operational Plan for 2019/20 and the wide range of projects that will support our local economy and community.

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## **07 RECENT IMPORTANT COUNCIL DECISIONS**

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### CONSENSUS

The Group noted the information provided by the General Manager on the June 2019 Council decisions regarding the Proposed Orbital Road and Lake Cathie, and current and next steps.

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## **08 EDSG 2017-2019 WRAP UP**

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### CONSENSUS:

The Group considered and shared views on the Group's activity and progress over its two year membership term.

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## **09 NEXT MEMBERSHIP TERM AND MEETING**

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The Acting Chair and Group Manager Economic Development and Communications extended thanks to all members of the Group for their commitment and contribution to over the past two years.

### CONSENSUS:

The Group noted that:

1. Advice on the new membership of the Group will be communicated after the Council meeting on 17 July 2019.
2. The next meeting of the Group (for returning members) will be on Wednesday 14 August 2019 in the Function Room, PMHC Headquarters at 8:30am.

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**10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**10.01 WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL - INNOVATIVE APPROACH**

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Tony Thorne and the General Manager lead a short conversation on the innovative approach being taken by Wagga Wagga City Council in establishing a branch office in Sydney and its plans to host a Smart Cities event (also in Sydney) in coming months.

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The meeting closed at 10:10am.