PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Kelly King
Paul Dawson
Kate Wood-Foye
Stuart Bate
Hadyn Oriti
Ross Cargill
Jane Evans
Michelle Love
Kellon Beard

Other Attendees:

Craig Swift-McNair (PMHC General Manager)
Jeffery Sharp (PMHC Director Strategy and Growth)
Liesa Davies (PMHC Group Manager Economic & Cultural Development)
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Engagement)
Dan Bylsma (Director Infrastructure)
Cameron Hawkins, (PMHC Group Manager Infrastructure Planning)

The meeting opened at 8:32am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:
That the apologies received from Cr Geoff Hawkins, Peter Halliwell and Tony Thorne be accepted.
03  CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:
That the Minutes of the Economic Development Steering Group Meeting held on 12 February 2020 be confirmed.

04  DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05  BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:
That the Group note the update on the Smart Community Roadmap proposed for the May 2020 meeting.

06  DRAFT DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

CONSENSUS:
That the Group note:
1. The exhibition period for the draft Destination Management Plan concluded on 12 February 2020 with eight submissions being received.
2. The matters raised in the submissions are currently under consideration and will be presented to the April 2020 Council meeting with an updated draft Plan for adoption.
07  WATER SUPPLY SECURITY

Council’s Group Manager Infrastructure Planning provided an overview of the current water supply situation; the current water supply scheme; the recent Council decision to upgrade the Wauchope Water Treatment Plant; and the long term planning and ten year works program which proposes an investment of some $297 million into our future water supply scheme. It was noted that this sort of investment is typically reliant on funding Council financial reserves. Members of the Group strongly encouraged Council to share more of the data, graphs and targets around the water situation with the community, noting the value these can add in demonstrating water usage rates and trends.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the current, short and long-term measures being taken by Council to ensure a sustainable water supply for our growing community.

08  THINK 2050 - DEVELOPING OUR NEW COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Group Manager Community Engagement briefed the Group on the Think 2050 Community Strategic Plan engagement which will take place over the next three months. She noted positive engagement with new Community Ambassadors for the project and encouraged the Group’s involvement via things like the the FUTUREThink Symposium, Think 2050 roundtable sessions, responses to our postcard campaign, and pop-up engagements.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note and contribute to upcoming engagement across our community to develop the new Think 2050 Community Strategic Plan.

09  GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01  LOCAL ECONOMIC / BUSHFIRE RECOVERY UPDATES

CONSENSUS:

That there be a standing agenda item for Local Economic/ Bushfire Recovery Updates at future meetings.
09.02  DRAFT 2002-2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN

CONSENSUS:

That an overview of the draft 2020/21 Council Operational Plan be presented at the next meeting, which will be during the exhibition period.

The meeting closed at 10:00am.