

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Turner (Chair)
Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Jeffery Sharp (Director Strategy and Growth)
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development)
Pam Milne (Glasshouse Venue Manager)
Brian Barker
Chris Denny
Debbie Sommers
Marie Van Gend
Skye Petho
Wendy Haynes
Beric Henderson
Stacey Morgan

Other Attendees:

Mayor Peta Pinson
Jane Ellis (Destination and Cultural Development Manager)
Georgina Perri (Cultural Development Officer)

The meeting opened at 8:05am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology from Willhemina Wahlin be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 5 February 2020 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising Schedule be noted with the following additional information:

7. Planning For 2020/2021 Cultural Development Budget:

The adopted 2020/2021 budget to be scheduled for July 2020 CSG meeting.

06 WELCOME TO THE NEW GROUP MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair noted the breadth of skills, interest and experience as a great thing for the future work of the Group in supporting local arts and cultural outcomes.

CONSENSUS:

That the new membership and self-introductions provided be noted.

07 CULTURAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Jane Ellis, Manager Destination and Cultural Development, presented an overview of key Cultural Plan projects delivered over the past six months and those currently in progress. Highlights included the Cultural Economy Project (including local cultural mapping, skills and venue and spaces audit); development and adoption of a new Public Art Policy; Artwalk planning (COVID-safe event delivery); progress in developing 2021 Bicentenary initiatives; the Wauchope Riverwalk Sculpture Trail and Heritage Assistance Grants delivery.

CONSENSUS:

The Group noted:

1. Activity over the past 6 months in implementing the Cultural Plan and current priorities.
2. That further detail on cultural plan implementation (by strategic priority and action) will be distributed with the minutes.

08 PUBLIC ART POLICY AND RECENT PUBLIC ART/INTERPRETATION REQUESTS

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, talked to the development of the new Public Art Policy and current focus on the Public Art Guidelines development, with a public art masterplan and interpretation guidelines still to be developed. An overview of three current public art and interpretation requests was provided, with further discussion to occur at a future meeting.

CONSENSUS:

The Group:

1. Noted Council adoption of the new Public Art Policy at the 18 March 2020 meeting.
2. Noted the multiple recent requests from community members for new public art/interpretation for commemorative purposes.
3. Encouraged wide consultation and consideration of local place stories, to ensure that any new public art encapsulated the whole 'story of place' rather than only one aspect for that location.
4. Agree these and other requests be considered in Council's future public art planning and funding, taking into consideration Council's Public Art Policy (as finalised), Guidelines and Masterplan and Interpretation Guideline (yet to be finalised).
5. Agreed a matrix be developed as part of the Public Art Guidelines to assist with future prioritisation of public art requests.

09 PORT MACQUARIE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE CURTILAGE

The Group discussed the correspondence from the Port Macquarie Historic Courthouse Curtilage Community Group and various members offered further context around this and the desire to strengthen the value of the heritage and cultural precinct more broadly. Cr Hawkins, Jeffery Sharp, Debbie Sommers and Marie Van Gen offered to seek further information on the desired outcome to enable further discussion at a future meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note the correspondence from the Port Macquarie Historic Courthouse Curtilage Community Group.
2. Seek further information on the desired outcome to enable further discussion at a future meeting.

10 PORT MACQUARIE MUSEUM TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

CONSENSUS:

That the item be re-scheduled to a future meeting due to time constraints.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.01 ARTWALK

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note the report to the 3 June 2020 Council Meeting proposing a new COVID-safe format and that a copy of the report be emailed to members.
2. Request further event planning updates to be provided to future meetings.

11.02 CULTURAL ECONOMY PROJECT

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note that the draft project report would be finalised this week and discussed at the July 2020 meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:31am.